Dear Jim, 3/4/78

During the Cortland Cunningham deposition you asked him whether he had ever had a print of the Zapruder film and had shown it to others. He denied it. He lied. Here is how I know.

The afternoon of the day you, Howard Dave and I spoke at Maryland or of the day the Virginia students were there for a brainstorming session. More likely the latter but I'm not now certain which, a young woman came up to me and started talking to me.

She said she wanted to help in assassination work, that she did not believe the official story and made clear part of her attitude was because of her father.

She did not love him.

If she told me his name I forgot it. I think she didn't and perhaps I didn't ask, from the way the conversation went.

She said he was a retired FBI agent. She made clear she was contemptuous of him. She said her only use for him, and an important use for her, was as her baby sitter so she could have some free time. She seemed to relish offering to work against him on time his baby-sitting would make possible.

With her in that College Park general area, her offer was not of practical value to me. I gave her name and other information to Maryland students.

She is Mary Palmer. Her phone then was 301/587-6299. She then lived at 8451 Piney Branch ~~Road~~ Ct., Silver Spring 20901.

She told me that there were gatherings of agents in her parents home and she was specific in telling me that at one Cortland Cunningham, and she did name him, had a print of the Zapruder film and did show it.

She also told me other things but I've forgotten them. I believe there was more than the Z film. And I have rarely seen anyone more turned against a father.

Best,